BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In Re the Petition of)
CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION)) DOCKET NO. UG-950326
For an Order Determining the Ratemaking Treatment of Certain Special Contracts) }))
WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, Complainant,))) DOCKET NO. UG-951415) NOTICE OF HEARING
vs.	(May 6, 1996)
CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION,	
Respondent.	

On March 15, 1995, in Docket No. UG-950326, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) filed with the Commission a petition for an order determining the appropriate ratemaking treatment of certain special contracts. Cascade previously had executed contracts for natural gas service with Longview Fibre Company, March Point Cogeneration Company, Encogen Northwest L. P., Tenaska Gas Company, and B. P. Exploration & Oil, Inc.

The Cascade Natural Gas Corporation filed on December 11, 1995, in Docket No. UG-951514 certain tariff revisions designed to effect a general increase in its rates for gas service. The cumulative effect of such tariff revisions is to increase annual revenues by approximately \$5,743,155, based upon results of a Cost of Service Study included in the filing.

Pursuant to the first notice of hearing herein, a hearing was held on February 16, 1996. At that time petitions to intervene were considered, appearances

of the different parties were received, and scheduling matters were considered. It is now appropriate that provision be made for hearing for receipt of the direct evidence of respondent and cross-examination thereof.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a public hearing herein will be convened at the hour of 9:30 a.m., Monday, May 6, 1996, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, Washington. Beginning at such time and place and continuing for such period of time as may be necessary, the Commission will hear the direct evidence of respondent and cross-examination thereof.

Thereafter proper notice will be given as to the time and place for the receipt of evidence from witnesses for the staff of the Commission and other interested and proper parties, including members of the public¹, and the cross-examination thereof; and for the receipt of rebuttal testimony from witnesses of respondent and the cross-examination thereof.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVE MC LELLAN Secretary

April 12, 1996

1. In order to accommodate members of the public who may desire to present testimony, it is contemplated that a specially designated session of the hearing for that purpose will be held at a time and place to be set later. For the benefit of members of the public, the Commission will provide at its offices in Olympia, Washington, current records of the hearings. The Attorney General has appointed the Public Counsel Section of the Office of Attorney General to represent the people of the State of Washington. The address of the Commission, shown below, may be used for inquiries of Public Counsel, or they may be contacted directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below. They will be able to help members of the public to prepare their testimony if assistance is desired.

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